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Crashed truck becomes liquor store break and enter

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

A break and enter at Mountain View Liquor and Beer in Didsbury January 12 caused extensive damage to the storefront.

"Around 12:15 a.m., we received a report of a break and enter," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson, detachment commander with the Didsbury RCMP.

When officers arrived at the store, they determined that there was a vehicle stolen out of Chestermere that had been used to ram the front window, knocking it in.

"There were bars on the window that were damaged, as well," said Sgt. Jacobson. "The culprits were then able to enter the business and they stole a large quantity of alcohol."

There was no cash taken, he added.

"We determined there was a second vehicle involved, in which the individuals departed the scene," he said. "It appeared to be a white truck. We don't know the direction in which it departed."

He noted that early indications are that there were three males who had entered the store, wearing high-visibility work vests.

"There are no witnesses and we are continuing to follow up leads," Jacobson said. "Red Deer Forensic Identification Unit is assisting in the investigation."

If anyone has any information on this incident, please contact the Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.



Submitted photo

A loud crash shook the street on January 11 after a truck smashed into the front of Mountain View Liquor and Beer. The crash was the result of a break and enter, with the truck left in the storefront.

Two-hour parking bylaw will have tickets administered on reactive basis Few parking opportunities in downtown seen as a 'good' problem

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Town of Didsbury will be keeping its two-hour parking bylaw in the downtown core, but will be passing tickets on a reactive basis rather than a proactive basis.

The Committee of the Whole meeting on January 10 brought up the bylaw, which was up for debate and possible removal in late 2011, along with a recent parking study.

The study showed that in 2005, in an initial parking survey, parking was abused in the downtown core in front of businesses.

Business owners were in favour of implementing a two-hour parking bylaw to help keep parking spots open for potential customers, and to promote more walking up and down business areas in town.

However, between 2010 and 2011 the bylaw encountered a pushback when

businesses saw a decline in customers with the economic slump.

The report also said that several people, whose names were on the original letter of support in favour of the bylaw, were now complaining about getting tickets themselves.

In some instances, businesses have customers who enter the business for longer than two-hour periods as well, or leave their cars parked overnight so they do not drink and drive.

Businesses like JD's Restaurant have incorporated a "parking pass" for patrons who would like to leave their car parked overnight that RCMP are aware of as a way to manage the two-hour parking bylaw for customers.

However, despite the pushback and public in favour of removing the bylaw, councillors were recommended against doing so due to parking issues still being prevalent in the downtown despite for-

merly slow economic times.

"We're still getting complaints from businesses," said Peace Officer Derek Sutherland. "There are business owners and staff who are parking in front of their businesses, and adjacent businesses are upset that they are taking customer spots."

It was suggested to council that RCMP act on a reactive basis, responding to parking complaints from business owners and staff when the two-hour parking bylaw was broken.

This would also help remove the ticketing issue that may face patrons visiting a business for longer than two hours.

"There is no perfect solution," added Sutherland.

"The biggest problem is that there isn't enough parking," said Coun. Gayle Veno. "But that's not really a bad thing. A parking problem shows that the downtown is being used. This is a good problem."

Councillors also agreed that an additional iron in the fire for the parking issue was business owners and staff using customer parking simply for their own convenience, ignoring other available parking behind the businesses or in other nearby lots within walking distance.

"It would be nice if some business owners realized that leaving spaces in front of their stores for customers to use is a benefit to stores and to them," said Coun. Lavar Adams. "There are people who are coming into town to spend money but have nowhere to park. It's just laziness."

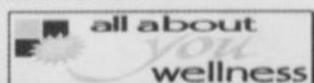
"We can also revisit the bylaw when traffic picks up again," added Mayor Brian Wittal.

By not abolishing the bylaw completely, council can more readily bring it up again and make amendments to it come the busier summer months, rather than going through the long process of removing it, only to possibly bring it back.

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Community Initiatives Program makes two donations

Library and DHS receive additional funds

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

MLA Richard Marz made two stops in Didsbury on January 10 to present cheques for the Community Initiatives Program.

The two recipients were the Didsbury Municipal Library and the Didsbury High School Band.

The library cheque for \$3,000 will be going towards 60 new eBooks for the library, which can be viewed on one of the library's five eReaders, or taken out for reading like a regular library book with a personal eReader.

"We're very grateful and very appreciative for this," said Assistant Manager Donna Christensen after the cheque presentation.

After the library stop Marz visited Didsbury High School to present a \$10,000 cheque to the Didsbury Band to help pay for some of their expenditures on their upcoming London trip.

"I get to hear a lot of

school bands, and this one has a lot of natural talent," said Marz. "Didsbury has a very talented band, and a very talented teacher."

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The band's director, Kirk Wassmer, had been informed about the incoming Community Initiatives Program cheque prior to Christmas break in December.

"It was a great Christmas gift," said Wassmer. "There's a lot of excitement, for sure. It's costly to be able to travel, and this can help pay for students' extra meals and such, which is really helpful."

The Community Initiatives Program assists communities throughout Alberta by helping to enrich and enhance residents and organizations.



MLA Richard Marz presents a cheque for \$3,000 from the Community Initiatives Program to the Didsbury Municipal Library. From left to right: Assistant Manager Donna Christensen, Marz, Library Manager Inez Kosinski and board chair Paula Harris.



MLA Richard Marz presents a cheque for \$10,000 from the Community Initiatives Program to band members at Didsbury High School. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the Didsbury Band is trumpet-player Madison Nussbaum.

Leinen appeals conviction, sentence

DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

A month after being con-

victed of second-degree murder in the death of Olds College student Nicholas Baier, Jeffrey Kevin Leinen

has launched an appeal of both his conviction and his 14-year prison sentence. A jury convicted Leinen,

26, of second-degree murder and aggravated assault on Dec. 14 following a three-week trial. He is now serving his sentence at the Edmonton Maximum Security Institution.

Leinen's Notice of Appeal was filed with the Alberta Court of Appeal on Friday.

Baier, 18, was run over and killed outside the Texas Mickey bar on Oct. 29, 2010. A second Olds College student was injured in the same incident.

During Leinen's trial, the jury heard that he drove his pickup truck into a crowd of people after being kicked out of the bar.

In his Notice of Appeal Leinen cites seven reasons for the appeal:

1. The trial judge erred in law in her instructions to the jury.
2. The trial judge erred in law in her answers to questions from the jury.
3. The verdict of conviction is unreasonable.
4. The trial judge erred in

permitting the Crown to call rebuttal expert evidence.

5. The sentence is demonstrably unfit.

6. The trial judge erred in law, or mixed fact and law in imposing sentence.

7. Any other grounds that may be permitted by the court.

With his appeal Leinen is seeking either an acquittal on both charges or, in the alternative, a new trial.

A date for Leinen's appeal to be heard has not been set, court officials said Friday.

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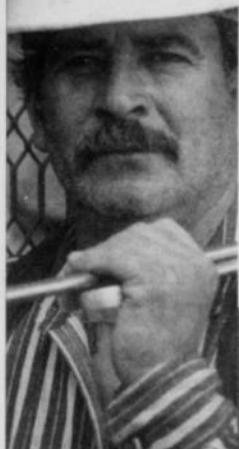
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Transit service to launch Jan. 20

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

The Tri-Community Transit is getting ready for its launch, expected to take place on January 20.

The Transit – which is a pilot project running until the end of June – offers a rural service to take riders from designated pickup points in Carstairs, Cremona and Didsbury to appointments and activities in other eligible communities.

"This is a new satellite project of Rocky View Regional Handibus Society, providing an out of town shared ride service for those without transportation to appointments or social activities," said Robbin Bowman, director of FCSS with the Town of Carstairs.

The fleet of 11 vehicles are wheelchair accessible, she added.

Fares vary with distance

travelled and are calculated at a reasonable cost of \$30 per kilometre. "Exact price will be provided when making bookings," said Bowman.

"Additional subsidies may be available."

For example, the mileage to travel to the Peter Lougheed hospital from Carstairs is approximately 130 kilometres, round trip.

"That would cost about \$42," said Bowman.

Riders will pay when their transportation begins. "Drivers can accept cash or cheque and receipts can be issued by dispatch," she noted. "A fare may still be charged if there is a failure to cancel a trip with adequate notice."

Carstairs resident Patti Tickell – who has multiple sclerosis – has been a "huge advocate" for the service, and has played a part in getting it on board.

"Most of my medical

appointments are in Calgary, and I've had to depend upon my husband or friends to get me there," Tickell said. "This transportation service will really help with getting out."

She said that on a good day, she can drive a distance of "maybe 20 minutes. During the last six months, I've been able to drive just in downtown Carstairs," Tickell said.

"I would love to be the first person getting on that bus," she added.

Another benefit of the service is that riders can maintain their sense of independence, without relying on others. "Some seniors don't have family living close by to rely on," said Tanya Shand, director of FCSS with the Village of Cremona. "This allows them to live on their own and get into the city for medical appointments, etcetera."

"Our hope for all three

communities is to have it utilized on a regular basis."

Pickup locations are: Carstairs town office, A Little Somethin' Somethin' Café & Bakery in Cremona and Didsbury Hospital.

Passengers must complete a registration form within 10 days of starting service. The form is available online at www.rockyviewbus.ca or by calling 1-877-389-2886.

Bookings can be made by calling toll-free 1-877-389-2886 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. "They require 24 hours notice to organize your trip and they take bookings up to three weeks in advance," Bowman said.

At the end of June, the advisory committee will evaluate the progress on the pilot and make a decision as to whether to continue.

"The program's success depends upon the usage numbers," said Bowman.




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Theft of a snowboard

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

Sometime overnight between January 8 and 9, a

snowboard was stolen from the front yard of a residence on 18 Avenue in Didsbury. "The snowboard is described as adult-sized,

black and blue, with a panda bear on top," said Sgt. Jacobson. "It had orange bindings."

The matter is still under

investigation. If anyone has any information on this incident, please contact the Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

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Opinion

Editorial

Drug fight needs community support



DAN
SINGLETON

The recent rash of illegal drug overdose deaths in Alberta highlights a complex and multi-faceted problem facing communities of all sizes, including those right here in West Central Alberta.

In particular, the increased prevalence of drugs such as methamphetamine and ecstasy has created new medical dangers, added to the workload of hard-pressed police, and put bystanders of

all ages at increased risk.

And while the fight against illegal drugs has been ongoing in Alberta for many years, the rise of chemical drugs has given rise to yet another front in the already hard-fought drug war.

One of the principal problems facing law enforcement in the current drug fight is that illegal drugs such as methamphetamine and ecstasy, unlike heroin and cocaine, can be manufactured right here in Alberta.

The proliferation of drug manufacturing labs – as well as marijuana grow operations – in cities, towns and on rural properties allows drugs to enter the marketplace quickly and for organized crime to infiltrate communities that were previously largely untouched by the illegal drug trade.

In an ongoing effort to identify those drug labs and operations and to shut them down before they can pump more of their product onto the streets, police are relying more and more on public tips.

Specifically, police are asking residents to report signs of drug manufacturing. Those signs can include the following:

- Little or no sign of residents at the home, especially outside.
- A lot of activity and many vehicles coming and going at all hours.
- Windows boarded up or covered over, frequently with aluminum foil.
- Excessive visits to garages or other buildings on the property.
- Excessive amounts of trash on garbage day or little or no trash on garbage day.

And for anyone who thinks drug manufacturing is only a big-city crime, the recent raids on large-scale marijuana operations in West Central Alberta should be enough to make them think twice.

In some United States towns, illegal drugs have become so prevalent that normal community life has been irrevocably damaged, creating fear and hardship where it never existed before.

The last thing law-abiding Albertans want is for illegal drugs, and the organized criminals who control them, to get the upper hand in their communities.

As such residents of area towns, villages and rural areas are encouraged to help police by providing tips about illegal drug activities and manufacturing.

In that way the recent rash of illegal drug overdoses that have shocked and saddened many families will be an aberration – and not a new way of life.



Commentary

Tories are forced to right their future



JOHNNY
BACHUSKY

The price of getting into power for the federal Conservatives has produced another blow on their historic right-of-centre social policy roots.

It is a shot that entrenches the Tories in a position that could potentially place the party at a point where longtime loyalists feel abandoned and ready to splinter off to a newer and more comfortable political home.

Last week the Harper government was forced to do some fancy dancing on the same-sex marriage issue when it was revealed the Canadian government was in legislative position not to recognize marriages of foreign same-sex couples who were married in the country because they had no legal ability to do so in their home state. At the same time the prime minister said he had no plans to reopen the same-sex marriage debate, an issue that has been a thorn in his side since the 2005 debate and formal approval of Bill C-38, the Civil Marriage Act.

Harper was in opposition then, and taking the pragmatic line on same-sex marriages, abortion and capital punishment which were issues that required modest ownership of the political centre to navigate the road

to power.

It was no easy feat for the prime minister as his party then was stacked with hardline former Reform Party members who did not sit well with social policies better suited to the Liberals or even the NDP.

But the carrot used to entice disenchanted Liberals and the undecided was in the end decidedly unpalatable. The Tories proved that while they wouldn't meddle with sacred Liberal issues there was no embracing of them either.

The case of Ronald Smith, the former Red Deer man convicted of double homicide in Montana and then sentenced to death, is proof of the Tories' lack of conviction on carrying the social policy flag created by preceding Liberal governments.

Beginning in 1997, the federal Liberal government had requested clemency for Smith on humanitarian grounds but in 2007 the new Tory government announced it would not get involved with the Montana court case. But two years later the Federal Court of Canada ruled otherwise and forced the Tories to continue to support Smith.

It was the first big shot across the bow for the Tories who tried ever so hard during their lead up to power to convince the disenchanted middle and left that they too could be reasonable on progressive social policy.

But now the same-sex marriage debate has come back to haunt the Conservatives, who have come across as dithering at best, and perhaps worse as hypocrites. The fallout

from the controversy left many gay and lesbian couples wondering what would happen to them next, as well as severely blunting Canada's hard-earned reputation internationally as a world leader on civil rights and social policy.

Last Friday Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the Conservative government would change Bill C-38 to legally recognize the marriages of thousands of foreign gay couples. It would do so even if the laws of their own country remain the same.

Incredibly he blamed the past Liberal government for creating confusion by not filling a "legislative gap" that left thousands of same-sex couples fearing for their future. Never mind the fact the Tories have had years to correct any shortcomings in the law, something that is hardly on the wish-list of any bona fide Tory.

What is more important for the Conservatives to consider at this point in time is to right the course of their traditional social policy structure. For years they have tried to be all things to all people of all political stripes.

And while the Tories have captured the throne of power with their long sought majority government they have left a potentially dangerous vacuum on the political right.

This too could haunt them once more when Harper is scheduled to drop the writ in 2015. True traditional Conservative voters will not soon forget.

They just might flock elsewhere to prove the point.

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Letter to the editor

Don't be fooled by the Iron Lady

A new film about the life of the former British Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been released which stars Meryl Streep.

The producer is Damien Jones who says; "Whatever one's politics you can't deny Margaret Thatcher had a profound effect on this country" (England).

The British tabloid *The Sun* called it "a true story of feminism in action." However, according to Charles Moore in the *British Daily Telegraph* it is the "most powerful piece of propaganda for conservatism".

Meryl Streep said, "I admire her achievement. I stand in awe of it, even while not agreeing with a lot of her policies. The fact she got things done, even though many people did not like her, was extraordinary."

The reality is that the things "achieved" by Thatcher were done in her capacity as the mouthpiece of big business and not as any kind of champion of feminism.

After the initial euphoria of her election to high office had worn off, Thatcher became a hate figure for the majority of women in the U.K. who suffered at her hands.

The neo-liberal policies of Thatcher were a significant contribution to the dire economic position that Britain is in today.

Britain is now a rentier economy relying on the finance sector. Most of the manufacturing capacity has been destroyed and little real wealth is produced.

The deliberate running down of manufacturing has left huge parts of the U.K. with no real function, riddled with unemployment, crime, drugs, anti-social behavior, misery and despair.

Thatcher was oblivious to the destruction of lives and communities, in the industrial areas in particular, which were the direct result of her policies.

Thatcher privatized everything possible and presided over almost four million unemployed.

To glorify her vicious reaction to the miner's strike and to those who opposed the poll tax, which was a tax on the least well off, is to ignore the struggles of ordinary people.

Workers, including the miners who fought to save jobs and communities, were treated as the enemy within. Thatcher even compared them to terrorists.

The heartless managerial practices of Thatcher were reminiscent of the industrial revolution; they created a temporary paradise for charlatans and speculators.

The result of the deregulation of the financial institutions by Thatcher is plain for all to see, the collapse of the U.K. banking system and its subsequent bailout by the state.

Those who lived through the Thatcher years cannot be fooled by a false interpretation and glorification of the past.

Keith Norman Wyatt
Innisfail NDP
(personal capacity)



Noel West/Didsbury Review

Westglen student Princess Ziki, left, gets an award from vice principal Georgie Perigny for winning the Canspell spelling bee last Thursday.

Westglen's star speller to take a shot at regional bee

Second annual spelling-bee brings forth school spirit

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Westglen School held its second annual School-Wide Spelling Bee, as part of the Calgary Herald Canspell competition, on January 12.

This year's winner was Princess Ziki, Grade 8, and runner-up was Megan Dubois, Grade 5.

"At first I was really nervous and shaky, but it got easier," said Ziki, who is a first-time spelling bee contender. "I felt pretty prepared though. I was kind of surprised when I won, really, because I had been so nervous."

The final, "tough" word for Ziki that clinched her win was "altogether", she said.

Following the school-wide win, Ziki will be taking a written test (listening to an audiotape reciting words and definitions) in the hopes of qualifying for the Canspell Regional Spelling Bee taking place in Calgary.

Georgie Perigny, acting vice-principal and Grade 6 teacher at Westglen, said the ending moments of the spelling bee were "nail-biting".

"We were very proud of how Westglen conducted themselves," Perigny added. "There was a lot of Westglen pride. Everyone was very excited but also knew when it

was time to be serious."

The spelling bee starts with "simple" words that gradually increase in difficulty over time. Students were given a booklet of the words to study in preparation for the event.

The spelling bee was first introduced last year when Perigny came to the school.

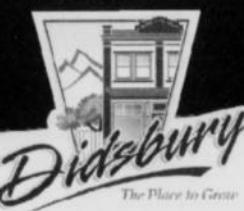
"The other school I had been at before had one, but not this one, so it was incorporated," Perigny said. "Westglen is really good at engaging students and celebrating their successes, in sports and academics. The spellers were very successful in their spelling, and that's being celebrated."

This year's spelling bee had an excellent, excited turnout of both students and parents, and special judges from the Chinook's Edge School Board, including Superintendent of Schools and Chief Executive Officer Kurt Sacher, Assistant Superintendent Wanda Christensen, school board trustee Gordon Kerr, and Division Principal Steve Thompson.

"The spelling bee also gives the community an opportunity to see what the school and students are doing," Perigny added.

"We would like to get more community involvement with this sort of thing in the future."

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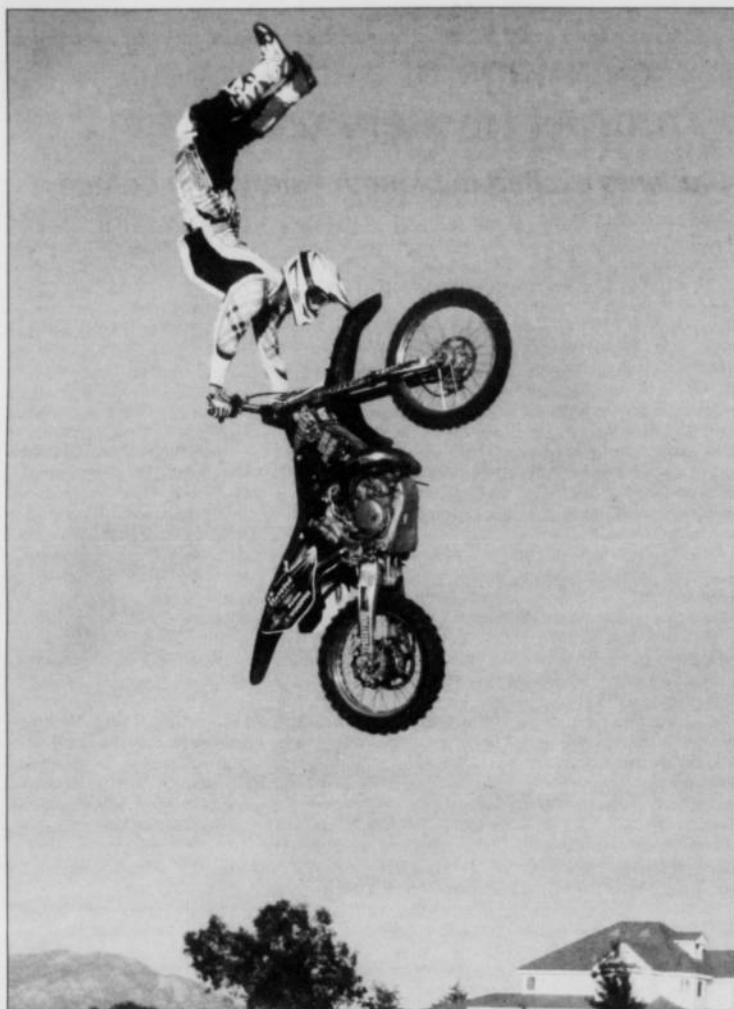
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Billy Kohut performing a stunt on the track at the RAD Nationals in California this past December.

Submitted photo

Freestyle motocross rider takes second place at RAD Nationals

BY MADISON
SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Former Didsbury-area freestyle motocross rider Billy Kohut did himself proud at the RAD Nationals in December 2011, coming in second in his category.

This was Kohut's third time at the event, having come in fourth in 2010.

"I would have been happy to have won it but I'm happy with second for sure," Kohut said. "Even just to have made it into the finals, I'm really happy with that."

Having competed in the RAD Nationals twice before his 2011 debut, Kohut knew what to expect and how to prepare for the event.

"From previous years, I knew what the big track was like and what it would take to ride it," Kohut said. "I learnt some new moves and made sure I had them down."

One of the trickiest parts about training for the RAD Nationals, which take place in California, is trying to prepare in Canada, where winter weather throws a wrench into a training schedule.

"The tough part was, living in Canada, I didn't

get to ride as much as some of the other guys," Kohut explained.

"I think the other riders have the advantage of being able to ride all year round, while we have to take a break in Canada for the winter, and by the time we get to ride again we might be a bit rusty instead of staying on top of our game all year round."

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Despite weather technicalities and recovering from a broken ankle the previous year though, Kohut still managed to earn a top spot at the competition, which he said was a good thing.

"I feel good about it, it shows that you've got the drive, that when someone really wants something, they can go out and get it," said Kohut.

Kohut intends to compete in the RAD Nationals again at the end of 2012, and is also looking to compete in another freestyle competition in Arizona later this summer.

As for what keeps Kohut hooked on riding, he says it's just an all-around love for the sport.

"I love everything about dirtbikes," Kohut said.

"The feeling that you get, the adrenaline just when you go out and when you do a jump and land it, and get ready to do a trick you've never done before when it's something you've been working on and land it, that feeling of accomplishment, it's just great."

"When I decided to head down to do the contest I went a week early to do some more real practice for the event.

"I think the other riders have the advantage of being able to ride all year round, while we have to take a break in Canada for the winter, and by the time we get to ride again

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Didsbury High School student Scott Best works last Wednesday on a set piece for an upcoming murder mystery dinner theatre production.



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From left Andrea Roach, Gabriel Spence and Vicki Burrell rehearse a scene from the show.

DHS bringing evenings of intrigue with murder mystery production

Students excited to blend mystery with comedy

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Didsbury High School drama students will be bringing the town a night of intrigue, laughs, and excellent food at their first-ever murder mystery dinner theatre.

The stage will be set for February 9, 10 and 11, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the show starting at 7 p.m. each evening.

"Tickets for the show must be purchased in advanced by calling the school, since the event is catered and we need to know how many people are coming," said drama teacher Cali Beazley.

The murder mystery aims to get the audience involved in the story of a family reunion taking place at a bed and breakfast on a secluded island.

During a storm the owner of the bed and breakfast, Gretchen Willcox (played by Andrea Roach), is found dead, and the show takes a sinister turn as the race begins to find the killer.

"We'll be communicating with the crowd, pausing for a moment to ask questions and interact," said Roach.

This production will be

much different than the students' production of A Christmas Carol last year, which was performed at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds.

"It's a murder story but it's also a comedy," said Gabriel Spencer, who will be playing the role of newlywed Freddy Franklin. "I'm excited because it's just different than anything we've ever done before, with the dinner theatre too."

"I'm really excited to do some improv with the audience," added Roach.

"The clues will be very obviously known to the audience because characters will repeat things," explained Alexis Whitmore, who will be playing Carla Jo Michaels, a redneck on hunting trip staying at the bed and breakfast. "The ending twist...I think people won't expect it."

"Pretty much everyone is accused, and a few new things come up to keep people guessing," said Renee Penner, who will be playing the grouchy bed and breakfast cook Beatrice Googleheiner.

The production is more than just an acting effort, as it will take place in the

transformed high school gymnasium to accommodate the dinner theatre aspect.

This task falls on the tech theatre students, a new course this year being taught by Kelsey Lawson.

"We're responsible for creating the show," said Lawson.

Students will be creating the stage, sets, costumes and more to help the production run smoothly, and will be responsible for the gymnasium transformation that will take place at the end of the February 9 week.

"It's going to be busy," Lawson said of setting up the stage.

Students were also responsible for finding sponsors for the production, going to local businesses to find donations for costume items or other means of support.

"We've been really fortunate that local businesses are getting involved," said Lawson. "The scale of this production is just huge."

Both Lawson and Beazley agree that drama and tech theatre students have been doing an excellent job in preparing for the big show, which is expected to sell out.

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A sleddog team competing in the 6-dog Open cross the finish line at the Rosedud Run Sleddog Classic on Jan. 30, 2011.



Photo submitted by the Didsbury Royal Purple

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